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Applicant: Newton et al.                      Att'y Docket: 1600/138  
Serial No.: 09/812,237                      Art Unit: 3763  
Filed: March 19, 2001                      Examiner: Jeremy Thissell  
For: APPARATUS FOR                      Date: December 5, 2003  
REDUCING FLUID DRAWBACK  
THROUGH A MEDICAL VALVE

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AMENDMENT

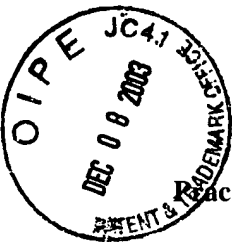
Sir:

Please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Practitioner's Docket No. 1600/138

PATENT

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In re application of: Cote et al.

Application No.: 09/812,237

Filed: 03/19/2001

For: Apparatus for Reducing Fluid Drawback Through a Medical Valve

Group No.: 3763

Examiner: Jeremy Thissell

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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				RATE	ADDIT. FEE			
TOTAL	42	— 39	= 3	x \$ 18.00	=	\$	54.00	
INDEP.	5	— 5	= 0	x \$ 86.00	=	\$	0.00	
				***Multi dependent claim CO***	=	\$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$			
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$	54.00	

Total additional fee for claims required \$54.00

#### FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$54.00.

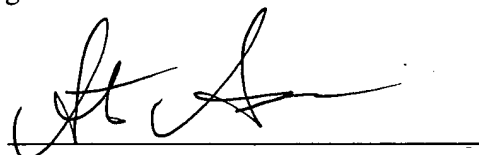
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